

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 3/18/2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-15, 23-28 renumbered 1-21.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1 – 15, 23 – 28 allowed.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art of record, in single or in combination, do not disclose the limitations of "activating a local number portability trigger set at a first telephone switch included in said public telephone network, the local number portability trigger being responsive to calls received by said first telephone switch directed to said first telephone number; pausing call processing at said first telephone switch in response to activation of said local number portability trigger; accessing a local number portability database to obtain a number associated with a second telephone switch included in the public telephone network; activating a second trigger set at the second telephone switch, the second trigger being responsive to calls received by said second telephone switch directed to said first telephone number; accessing a database maintained in said Internet Protocol network in response to said second trigger to obtain there from information associated with the first telephone number; and controlling completion of said call by said second telephone switch as a function of the information obtained from said Internet Protocol network database" as disclosed in claim 1;

"receiving at a second service switching point (SSP) a call routing message from a first SSP, the call routing message having a telephone number of the second SSP in a

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called party field of the call routing message and the called party telephone number in another field of the call routing message; determining that the called party telephone number is associated with a device connected to the IP network; forwarding the call to a switching device connected to the second SSP, the switching device also connected to the IP network, including the called party telephone number; determining a called party IP network address based on the called party telephone number” as disclosed in claim 23;

“sending a call routing message to the gateway, the call routing message having the calling party telephone number located in a called party number field of the call routing message, and the called party telephone number located in a another field of the call routing message; receiving the call routing message at the gateway; activating a trigger based on the called party number field; determining that the call originated from the IP network based on the calling party telephone number; determining a billing location associated with the calling party telephone number and sending a billing instruction to a billing location; retrieving the called party telephone number from the another field of the call routing message” as disclosed in claim 28

3. Additionally, all of the further limitations in claims 2 – 15, 24 – 27 are allowable since the claims are dependent upon the independent claims.

4. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably

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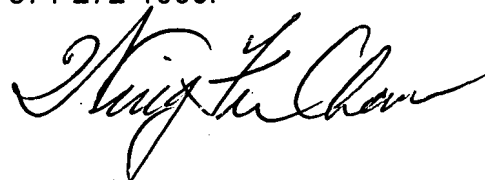
Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Andrew C. Lee whose telephone number is (571) 272-3131. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 8:30am - 5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Wing Chan can be reached on (571) 272-7493. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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